Application no. 09/911,674
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## **REMARKS**

Claims 69-135 are subject to restriction requirement. The examiner has identified four species among the claims:

Species A, including independent claims 69, 79, 79 and their respective dependent claims.

Species B, including independent claims 76, 111, 133 and their respective dependent claims.

Species C, including independent claims 91 and 96 and their respective dependent claims.

Species B, including independent claim 85 and its dependent claims.

Applicants elect species C, including claims 91-110, without prejudice. By this paper, claims 69-90 and 111-135 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of these cancelled claims.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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